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Appointment of a new member to the Committee for Development Policy

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In view of the resignation of a member of the Committee for Development Policy, Anatoly Vishnevsky (Russian Federation), and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1998/46 and 1998/47, the Secretary-General has the honour to nominate Vladimir Popov (Russian Federation) to complete Mr. Vishnevsky's term of office. The proposed appointment would contribute to the continued balanced geographical and gender representation in the Committee, as called for in annex I to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46.

2. The candidate's term would begin on the date of appointment and end on 31 December 2009. Biographical information on the candidate is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on Vladimir Popov (Russian Federation)

Vladimir Popov (Russian Federation) is a Professor at the New Economic School and sector head at the Academy of the National Economy in Moscow as well as a visiting professor at Carleton University in Ottawa. He has taught courses on macroeconomics, international economics, comparative economic systems, the economics of transition, the Russian economy in transition and international aspects of economic transition at various universities in Canada, Finland and Germany. He has written several books on political issues and development. He holds doctorate degrees (Candidate of Science, 1980, and Doctor of Science, 1990) from the Institute of United States and Canadian Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.